



Meeting Minutes	August 4, 2016	Cutter Gallery
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Commissioners attending: Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Barbara Costa, Adria Arch, Jonathan Hyde, Carla Dorato, Leland Stein, Aimee Taberner

Commissioners absent: none

Other attendees: Jeff Timperi, Arlington Cultural Council; Margaret Moody, Margaret Moody Puppets; Marga Varea, Arlington Alive Block Party; Kate Hale, artist

The meeting was called to order at 7: 40pm.

- **Welcome** The Commission welcomed Timperi to discuss ACC/ACAC collaboration; Moody, Varea, and Hale observed the meeting as potential candidates for the two new openings on the commission.
- **Minutes** Minutes for June 2, 2016, and June 23, 2016, were approved unanimously.
- **Bike Path** Costa, Marlin-Curiel, and Arch met with public art consultant Cecily Miller about the public art project to strengthen the link between the Arlington Center and East Arlington sections of the proposed Cultural District via the Minuteman Bike Path. The selected artists will be presenting concepts at the end of September.
- **Cultural District Site Visit** Senior Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) staff, including Executive Director Anita Walker and Meri Jenkins, Cultural District Manager, conducted a site visit of Arlington's proposed Cultural District on July 22. Marlin-Curiel, Costa, Arch, Taberner, and Dorato helped showcase the district. The visit included a roundtable with town officials – Selectman Joe Curro and Ted Fields and Jenny Raitt from the DPCD – tours of arts and culture organizations, and a roundtable with members of the Managing Partnership, and other stakeholders. Next steps: MCC's consultant will issue a report at a date to be determined.
- **Americans for the Arts** ACAC members who attended AFTA agreed it was a productive opportunity to get ideas about community cultural planning.
- **Cultural Plan** Jenn Erickson from MAPC, Jenny Raitt from DPCD, and ACAC will be meeting August 26 to discuss initial plans for the cultural plan.

- **Collaboration with the Arlington Cultural Council** Jeff Timperi said ACC had discussed with arts groups about stronger coordination and information sharing. ACC has the potential to support elements of the cultural plan through its grant program. There was discussion about convening a quarterly meeting of all the arts organizations. Timperi suggested ACC and ACAC appoint a joint subcommittee to develop specific ideas about collaboration.
- **ACA Move** ACA's lease at the Gibbs ends June 2017. Costa provided an update on ACA's plans to move to the Central School. Square foot cost is similar to the Gibbs but it will only have 75% of their current space. That means less artists' studios and less income.
- **Town Day** Jenn Erickson from MAPC is developing messaging about the cultural plan. Possible one-pager about the cultural district? Perhaps a name-the-cultural-district opportunity?
- **Arlington Center Redesign** Arch met with Jenny Raitt about integrating public art into the redesign; Taberner and Beth Locke from the Chamber had similar meeting about the Dallin Park redesign.
- **APA** Chairful exhibited 50 chairs and raised \$3,000 from chair sales. Arch says APA is at a crossroads. Should it stay small or be part of a larger entity?

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.